

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 3, replace lines 1 - 9, with the following re-written paragraph:

At least one strap, and typically two straps, are attached to the lateral edge portions of the shield pads to attach them together. An elastic strap is secured at an edge portion of one pad and is detachably securable to the other pad by snap-fasteners having cooperating portions on each pad or by hook and loop fastener portions on the pads and on an end portion of the elastic strap, thus to provide for retaining pads when rolled up by the strap being secured thereabout. These features enable ease of handling, rolling up, storing, and maneuvering of the shield pads. *JA*



Page 5, line 21 to Page 6, line 6, replace with the following re-written paragraph:

~~HA~~ The elastic band 24 has as its outer end a snap-fastener component engageable with a cooperating component 28, one component being male and the other female. The components cooperate to effect the wrapping and securing of the pads together.

*Q2* Alternatively, hook and loop fastener elastic band component 25 may engage end portions of the shield pads, and cooperate with hook and loop fasteners on the strap and on the shield pads. Rolled-up pads are thus secured together by the elastic band, thus to provide ease of handling, maneuvering and rolling up of the shield pads. ~~HA~~